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Raised Bill No. 653

LCO No. 3082

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT EXPANDING STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Supported employment" means state employment for
- 3 individuals with disabilities who require on-the-job training and long-
- 4 term support to complete job requirements; and
- 5 (2) "Training and support" includes, but is not limited to,
- 6 comprehensive and specialized assessments of individual job skill
- 7 levels and service needs, development of individual employment
- 8 plans, ongoing job coaching and other customized training and long-
- 9 term job performance support.
- 10 (b) On or before January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of
- 11 Administrative Services shall create two hundred positions of
- 12 supported employment for persons with disabilities, including those
- 13 persons who make or manufacture products or provide services under
- 14 section 17b-656 of the general statutes, within the general worker job

15 classification for state employees. Such positions shall be at the same
 16 wages and benefits as similar nonsupported employment positions in
 17 such classification. Persons eligible for such positions shall have
 18 completed a training program in a type and duration as determined
 19 appropriate by the commissioner. Employees in such positions shall
 20 receive training and support while employed in such positions. No
 21 employee in the general worker job classification shall be displaced by
 22 a person in a supported employment position.

23 (c) In addition to the supported employment positions created
 24 under subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner shall create
 25 additional positions as necessary to provide assistance and support to
 26 such employees with disabilities, including, but not limited to, readers
 27 for blind employees, interpreters for deaf employees and job coaches
 28 or assistants for employees with developmental disabilities. Such
 29 additional positions may be full-time, part-time or on an intermittent
 30 basis as deemed appropriate by the commissioner.

31 (d) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall adopt
 32 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
 33 general statutes, to carry out the purpose of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide additional permanent state employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]